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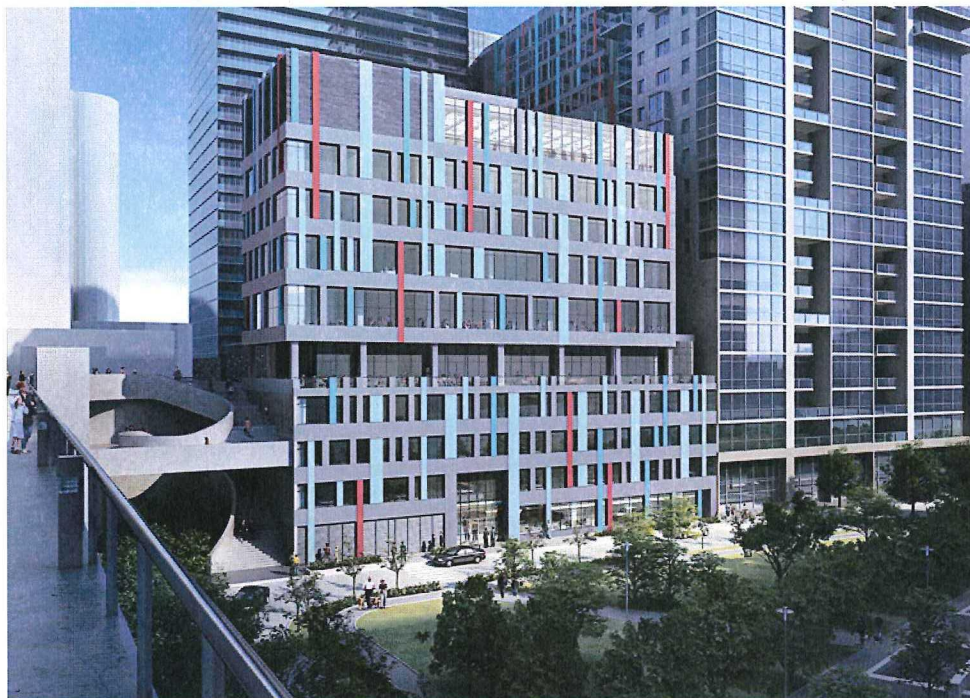
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Chicago, IL



Design	2011 – 2012
Construction	Scheduled Completion: Phase I - September 2013; Phase II - September 2014
Project Area	Phase I - 82,000 square feet; Phase II - 250,000 square feet
Materials	Curtain wall materials include clear vision glass, translucent glass, and metal panels of various widths and colors

GEMS World Academy is a private school serving children in kindergarten through the twelfth grade (K-12). Located in downtown Chicago, the school will be built to act as a campus system with similar architectural features and sharing of facilities. The project includes two separate buildings to be built in two phases. Phase I, approximately 82,000 square feet, consists of a 9-story elementary school serving kindergarten through fourth grade. Phase II, approximately 250,000 square feet, will serve students in grades 5-12 and will be housed in a 13-story high-rise building. The buildings will accommodate approximately 2,000 students.

This project provides unique challenges and opportunities due to its urban setting. The buildings must maximize light internally to enhance everyday academic learning while also providing excellent views of the city to students and teachers alike. As the flagship school in the US, it is important to create an exceptional architectural standard for GEMS as they enter the US market for the first time. The curtain wall materials include clear vision glass, translucent glass, and metal panels of various widths and colors to set the facility apart from its other high rise neighbors in this mixed use area. Both buildings are designed to attain LEED certification and will include such amenities as roof top play areas, natatorium, auditorium, gymnasium and planetarium.

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